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1. The factories in and around Stalin are working at full speed. Several industrial establishments have been enlarged in the last year. Where the management is not completely in Soviet hands, there is at least one Soviet observer in each factory. The former managers and most of the technical heads have disappeared. For example, only one of the technicians remains at the Scherg cloth factory; the chemist, Dr. Senf.

2. The general appearance of the city has changed. In the center there are only state-owned stores, and the few private businesses are limited to the suburbs. The names of the streets have all been changed to those of leading Communists. In spite of a good deal of traffic, the streets are well cleaned by prisoners.

3. All German and a great part of the Rumanian house owners have been dispossessed. They were required to leave all their furniture and goods behind. Since October 1951 all the dwellings on five streets have been taken over by Soviet families. These Soviets avoid all contact with the Rumanian population.

4. Practically all industrialists, commercial men and politicians have either been deported or sent to labor camps. Among others the following have been sent to labor camps: General Iacobici, General Zwiedeneck, Col. Voiner, Air Col. Rosler, Lt. Col. Puscariu, Judge Dr. Pop, former Mayor Dr. Pricu, former Mayor Dr. Gologan, Hospital head Dr. Pap, Dr. Negrila, Dr. Nistor, Dr. Caliman, Judge Dr. Hermann Fabricius, Judge Dr. Precup, Dr. Popovici, A. Precup, D. Mircea, Hermann, director of the Honterus gymnasium, Pastor Roth, Gh. Giuvelca, Richard Schmutzler, Fritz Copony, A. Fabricius, C. Eitel, Otto Schmidt, Berbecariu, M. Kalmer, Dr. Orghidan, R. Orghidan, Raducanu, G. Moess and his wife.

5. Living conditions are poor and discontent is general. Only leading Communists live well.

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